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ABSTRACT

This report presents a summary of recent trends in school and college enrollment based on the October 1977 Current Population Survey (CPS) and earlier surveys. Enrollment statistics representing growth and decline at various educational levels are evaluated in written summaries. Comparative and distributive enrollment statistics of the population 3 to 34 years old are presented by: level and control of school and race; age and sex; sex and race; undergraduate four year and two year colleges; Spanish origin; and selected educational characteristics. An appendix describes the source and reliability of the estimates and includes a table of standard errors and a table of parameters for standard error computation. (EB)

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School Enrollment—Social and Economic Characteristics of Students: October 1977 (Advance Report)

This report presents a summary of recent trends in school and college enrollment based on the October 1977 Current Population Survey (CPS) and earlier surveys. Persons in the Armed Forces and inmates of institutions are not included in the figures shown in the statistical tables.

The total number of persons 3 to 34 years old enrolled in school was 60 million in October 1977, about 1 million less than the number enrolled in 1975 (table 1). This decline in total enrollment was largely due to a decrease of 1.2 million at the elementary school level between 1975 and 1977. This decrease was not significantly different from the decline in total enrollment during the period. Also, there was a decrease of 4.7 million in elementary enrollment between 1970 and 1977. In 1970, elementary school enrollment accounted for 56 percent of the total enrollment; by 1977 it had dropped to about 49 percent. As the number of persons enrolled in kindergarten through high school was primarily determined by the size of the eligible age groups rather than by changes in enrollment rates, enrollment trends at these levels reflected mainly population trends between 1975 and 1977.

Nursery school enrollment did not change significantly between 1976 and 1977 and there is some evidence that it remained below the 1975 level. The proportion of 3- and 4-year-olds enrolled has remained essentially the same since 1975, about 32 percent (table 2). In 1967 the proportion was 14 percent. Kindergarten enrollment declined by about 300,000 between 1976 and 1977. This was the first significant decline recorded in a single year since these data were first collected in the CPS 30 years ago.

The majority of children enrolled in kindergarten were 5 years old (about 80 percent). Even though 5-year-olds are not covered by compulsory school attendance laws in any State, more than 9 out of 10 of these children were attending school in 1977; their enrollment rate is rapidly approaching that of all elementary school age children. The population of 5-year-olds decreased about 8 percent between 1976 and 1977, as did kindergarten enrollment, reflecting the large drop in the number of births 5 years earlier. All of the decrease occurred in public schools, which enrolled 5 out of 6 kindergarten students. Future changes in the size of the eligible population will probably have more influence on the total number of children enrolled in kindergarten than changes in enrollment rates which have already reached 92 percent for 5-year-olds.

Although there is some evidence of a decrease in elementary school enrollment (about 540,000) between 1976 and 1977, private school enrollment did not change significantly. In fact, private elementary school enrollment was not significantly different in 1977 from the level 4 years earlier. Nevertheless, private school students made up only 11 percent of all elementary school students in 1977, down from 15 percent in the mid-1960's. Total high school enrollment was about the same in 1977 as in the previous 2 years, as children born in two of the highest birth years (1960 and 1961) were still in high school in 1977.

Although the CPS did not show any significant growth in college enrollment of persons under 35 years old between 1976 and 1977, the number of persons enrolled in 1977 was about one-half million larger than in 1975. The number enrolled part time increased by about 9 percent between 1976 and 1977, while the number enrolled full time did not change.[1] The increase in part-time enrollment is probably a result of an increase in enrollment of persons 25 to 34 years old, the majority of whom are enrolled part time. The number of college women remained at about 47 percent of all college students. Women constituted half of students of traditional college age (under 22 years old) and 44 percent of those 22 to 34 (table 4). Ten years earlier women made up only 40 percent of all college students, 46 percent of the traditional aged students, and 28 percent of older students.

[1] There is only some evidence that the trends in part-time and full-time enrollment are different.

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There were some changes in the number of students enrolled at various college levels. The number of college freshmen increased by about 300,000 following a nearly comparable decline the previous year. There is some evidence that the number of second year students dropped in 1977, reflecting the decline in freshmen in 1976. Enrollment at the remaining levels, third year and higher showed no significant change. Among undergraduates there was no significant change in 2-year or 4-year college enrollment nor was there significant change among men or women (table 5).

The significant changes in total college enrollment by age occurred among students 25 to 34 years old. There was also some evidence of an enrollment increase among persons 35 years old and over, as colleges continued to attract more persons above traditional college age (table 4). The number of students 25 years old and over increased from 3.7 to 4.1 million from 1976 to 1977. Among students 25 years old and over the number of women increased significantly while the number of men did not. About 36 percent of all college students were 25 years old or over in 1977 compared with 28 percent 5 years earlier.

The enrollment of Blacks in college did not change significantly from 1976 to 1977. Year-to-year changes in Black college enrollment are difficult to detect with a sample the size of the Current Population Survey. An observed change of about 150,000 Blacks in college is required to determine that a statistically significant change occurred. Still, the number of Black students 14 to 34 years old enrolled in 1977, 1.1 million, was twice the number enrolled in 1970 (tables 3 and 6). For Whites, the increase in the same period was about 30 percent. In the fall of 1977, Black students constituted about 11 percent of the college population, as in 1976; in 1970 they were about 7 percent of all college students.

Symbols. A dash "-" represents zero or rounds to zero and "NA" means not available.

Table 1. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY LEVEL AND CONTROL OF SCHOOL AND RACE: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Level and control of school	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
ALL RACES											
Total enrolled	60,013	60,482	60,969	60,259	59,392	60,142	61,106	60,357	59,913	58,791	57,656
Nursery school	1,518	1,526	1,748	1,607	1,324	1,283	1,066	1,096	860	816	713
Public	562	476	574	423	400	402	317	333	245	262	230
Private	1,056	1,050	1,174	1,184	924	881	749	763	615	554	484
Kindergarten	3,191	3,490	3,393	3,252	3,074	3,135	3,263	3,183	3,276	3,268	3,312
Public	2,665	2,962	2,851	2,726	2,582	2,636	2,689	2,647	2,682	2,709	2,678
Private	526	528	542	526	493	499	574	536	594	559	635
Elementary school	29,234	29,774	30,446	31,126	31,469	32,242	33,507	33,950	33,788	33,761	33,440
Public	25,983	26,698	27,166	27,956	28,201	28,693	29,829	30,001	29,825	29,527	28,877
Private	3,251	3,075	3,279	3,169	3,268	3,549	3,678	3,949	3,964	4,234	4,562
High school	15,753	15,742	15,683	15,447	15,347	15,169	15,183	14,715	14,553	14,145	13,790
Public	14,505	14,541	14,503	14,275	14,162	14,015	14,057	13,545	13,400	12,793	12,498
Private	1,248	1,201	1,180	1,172	1,184	1,155	1,126	1,170	1,153	1,352	1,292
College	10,217	9,950	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,881	6,401
Public	7,925	7,739	7,704	6,905	6,224	6,337	6,271	5,699	5,439	4,948	4,540
Private	2,292	2,211	1,994	1,922	1,955	1,976	1,816	1,714	1,995	1,854	1,861
College:											
Full time	7,196	7,176	7,105	6,351	6,089	6,314	6,204	5,763	5,810	5,357	4,976
Percent	70.4	72.1	73.3	71.9	74.4	76.0	76.7	77.7	78.1	78.8	77.7
Part time	3,021	2,773	2,592	2,476	2,090	1,999	1,883	1,650	1,625	1,444	1,425
WHITE											
Total enrolled	50,151	50,761	51,430	50,992	50,617	51,314	52,081	51,719	51,465	50,608	49,721
Nursery school	1,314	1,246	1,432	1,340	1,087	1,079	888	893	676	664	564
Public	372	318	392	293	242	285	225	198	136	163	134
Private	942	929	1,040	1,048	845	794	664	695	539	501	429
Kindergarten	2,611	2,881	2,845	2,745	2,584	2,633	2,735	2,706	2,803	2,775	2,840
Public	2,153	2,423	2,363	2,268	2,139	2,185	2,207	2,233	2,289	2,272	2,254
Private	458	457	483	477	445	448	527	473	515	504	587
Elementary school	24,262	24,776	25,412	26,051	26,531	27,185	28,187	28,638	28,572	28,634	28,415
Public	21,312	21,947	22,351	23,063	23,506	23,869	24,720	24,923	24,803	24,580	24,044
Private	2,950	2,829	3,059	2,990	3,025	3,316	3,466	3,715	3,768	4,054	4,371
High school	13,152	13,214	13,224	13,073	13,091	12,959	12,998	12,723	12,588	12,280	11,997
Public	11,980	12,093	12,112	11,966	11,967	11,876	11,937	11,599	11,502	11,007	10,769
Private	1,172	1,121	1,112	1,107	1,124	1,083	1,061	1,124	1,085	1,272	1,228
College	8,812	8,644	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905
Public	6,743	6,657	6,724	6,049	5,550	5,644	5,624	5,168	4,967	4,501	4,155
Private	2,069	1,987	1,792	1,732	1,773	1,814	1,650	1,591	1,860	1,753	1,750
College:											
Full time	6,165	6,170	6,183	5,575	5,408	5,678	5,560	5,221	5,307	4,919	4,604
Percent	70.0	71.4	72.6	71.6	73.8	76.1	76.4	77.2	77.7	78.7	78.0
BLACK											
Total enrolled	8,564	8,518	8,400	8,215	7,834	7,959	8,178	7,829	7,680	7,448	7,196
Nursery school	250	226	276	227	210	185	151	178	170	132	140
Public	171	146	171	121	146	113	90	129	102	89	92
Private	78	80	105	106	64	72	61	49	68	43	47
Kindergarten	496	542	468	463	423	448	464	426	425	448	418
Public	447	482	426	416	391	402	422	374	361	397	375
Private	50	60	42	47	32	46	42	53	64	51	44
Elementary school	4,387	4,430	4,509	4,585	4,473	4,573	4,877	4,868	4,785	4,716	4,618
Public	4,166	4,256	4,344	4,455	4,277	4,382	4,712	4,668	4,633	4,569	4,444
Private	221	175	165	131	196	191	165	200	151	146	173
High school	2,327	2,258	2,199	2,125	2,044	2,025	2,006	1,834	1,808	1,718	1,651
Public	2,269	2,187	2,140	2,072	1,988	1,971	1,951	1,794	1,751	1,656	1,605
Private	59	71	59	54	56	54	55	41	57	62	46
College	1,103	1,062	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370
Public	916	887	782	659	537	582	532	422	372	359	280
Private	187	175	166	155	147	145	148	100	120	75	90
College:											
Full time	803	817	742	589	536	525	534	427	401	338	271
Percent	72.8	76.9	78.3	72.4	78.3	72.3	78.5	81.8	81.5	77.9	73.2

Table 2. SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE AND SEX: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age and sex	Percent enrolled										
	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
Total, 3 to 34 years	52.5	53.1	53.7	53.6	53.5	54.9	56.2	56.4	57.0	56.7	56.6
3 and 4 years	32.0	31.3	31.5	28.8	24.2	24.4	21.2	20.5	16.1	15.7	14.2
5 and 6 years	95.8	95.5	94.7	94.2	92.5	91.9	91.6	89.5	88.4	87.6	87.4
7 to 13 years	99.4	99.2	99.3	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.2	99.2	99.1	99.3
14 to 17 years	93.6	93.7	93.6	92.9	92.9	93.3	94.5	94.1	94.0	94.2	93.7
18 and 19 years	46.2	46.2	46.9	43.1	42.9	46.3	49.2	47.7	50.2	50.4	47.6
20 and 21 years	31.8	32.0	31.2	30.2	30.1	31.4	32.2	31.9	34.1	31.2	33.3
22 to 24 years	16.5	17.1	16.2	15.1	14.5	14.8	15.4	14.9	15.4	13.8	13.6
25 to 29 years	10.8	10.0	10.1	9.6	8.5	8.6	8.0	7.5	7.9	7.0	6.6
30 to 34 years	6.9	6.0	6.6	5.7	4.5	4.6	4.9	4.2	4.8	3.9	4.0
Male, 3 to 34 years	54.3	55.1	56.0	56.0	56.1	57.8	59.3	59.7	60.5	60.4	60.0
3 and 4 years	32.1	30.9	30.9	28.1	24.5	24.4	20.0	21.2	15.5	15.4	14.2
5 and 6 years	94.7	95.6	94.4	94.4	92.2	91.7	90.9	88.9	87.7	87.3	86.6
7 to 13 years	99.3	99.0	99.0	99.2	99.2	99.1	98.9	99.0	98.9	98.9	99.1
14 to 17 years	94.3	94.6	94.6	93.3	93.7	94.0	95.3	94.8	95.0	95.0	94.7
18 and 19 years	48.4	48.2	49.9	45.8	47.9	51.2	55.4	54.4	59.4	60.4	56.3
20 and 21 years	34.6	33.6	35.3	34.8	34.4	37.3	38.9	42.7	46.5	45.0	44.3
22 to 24 years	19.7	20.7	20.0	19.4	19.1	21.3	23.3	21.2	22.9	20.5	21.0
25 to 29 years	12.6	13.0	13.1	12.7	11.8	12.1	11.9	11.0	11.4	10.8	9.9
30 to 34 years	7.1	6.8	7.7	6.7	5.6	5.8	6.3	5.3	5.9	5.0	5.4
Female, 3 to 34 years	50.7	51.0	51.5	51.3	50.9	52.0	53.2	53.2	53.6	53.2	53.3
3 and 4 years	32.0	31.6	32.1	29.5	23.8	24.4	22.4	19.8	16.8	16.1	14.1
5 and 6 years	96.9	95.5	95.1	93.9	92.9	92.2	92.3	90.2	89.1	88.0	88.2
7 to 13 years	99.5	99.3	99.6	99.5	99.3	99.3	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.3	99.4
14 to 17 years	93.0	92.8	92.6	92.5	92.1	92.6	93.7	93.4	93.1	93.4	92.6
18 and 19 years	44.0	44.4	44.2	40.7	38.2	41.8	43.4	41.6	41.8	41.3	40.3
20 and 21 years	29.1	30.6	27.4	26.0	26.3	26.3	26.8	23.6	25.3	21.5	24.9
22 to 24 years	13.6	13.8	12.6	11.1	10.2	8.9	8.4	9.4	9.1	8.3	7.4
25 to 29 years	9.1	7.3	7.2	6.7	5.4	5.3	4.4	4.3	4.6	3.4	3.6
30 to 34 years	6.7	5.2	5.6	4.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.1	3.8	2.9	2.8

Table 3. COLLEGE ENROLLMENT OF THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY SEX AND RACE: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Sex and race	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
ALL RACES											
Total, enrolled in college	10,217	9,950	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401
Male	5,369	5,296	5,342	4,926	4,677	4,853	4,850	4,401	4,448	4,124	3,841
Female	4,848	4,654	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,460	3,236	3,013	2,987	2,677	2,560
Year of College											
First year	2,936	2,632	2,886	2,557	2,282	2,320	2,443	2,212	2,158	2,051	1,956
Second year	2,364	2,535	2,376	1,999	1,807	1,965	1,885	1,739	1,672	1,496	1,424
Third year	1,681	1,748	1,492	1,422	1,476	1,454	1,392	1,248	1,307	1,211	1,157
Fourth year	1,427	1,356	1,354	1,360	1,230	1,253	1,175	1,074	1,159	1,100	900
Fifth year or higher	1,810	1,680	1,589	1,490	1,385	1,322	1,192	1,140	1,138	944	963
WHITE											
Total, enrolled in college	8,812	8,644	8,516	7,781	7,324	7,458	7,273	6,759	6,827	6,255	5,905
Male	4,717	4,658	4,774	4,367	4,218	4,397	4,407	4,066	4,146	3,843	3,560
Female	4,095	3,986	3,743	3,413	3,105	3,061	2,867	2,693	2,681	2,412	2,345
BLACK											
Total, enrolled in college	1,103	1,062	948	814	684	727	680	522	492	434	370
Male	490	489	442	422	358	384	363	253	236	221	199
Female	614	573	506	392	326	343	317	269	256	213	171

Table 4. AGE DISTRIBUTION OF COLLEGE STUDENTS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX: OCTOBER 1967 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Age and sex	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968	1967
BOTH SEXES											
Total, 14 to 34 years	10,217	9,950	9,697	8,827	8,179	8,313	8,087	7,413	7,435	6,801	6,401
14 to 17 years	274	281	293	309	295	295	284	260	242	281	239
18 and 19 years	2,913	2,937	2,943	2,597	2,517	2,680	2,726	2,593	2,601	2,501	2,286
20 and 21 years	2,430	2,398	2,313	2,192	2,073	2,116	1,997	1,857	1,945	1,826	1,816
22 to 24 years	1,799	1,846	1,679	1,527	1,465	1,461	1,487	1,354	1,294	1,029	998
25 to 29 years	1,809	1,686	1,616	1,482	1,278	1,229	1,067	939	918	790	707
30 to 34 years	992	803	853	720	551	531	527	410	435	373	356
35 years and over	1,329	1,189	1,183	1,025	787	783	(NA)	((NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
MALE											
Total, 14 to 34 years	5,369	5,296	5,342	4,926	4,677	4,853	4,850	4,401	4,448	4,124	3,841
14 to 17 years	112	105	128	145	121	141	129	130	120	134	96
18 and 19 years	1,396	1,391	1,426	1,262	1,293	1,366	1,444	1,346	1,397	1,357	1,198
20 and 21 years	1,280	1,209	1,256	1,206	1,130	1,170	1,090	1,083	1,112	1,093	1,066
22 to 24 years	1,036	1,073	1,011	943	937	998	1,065	902	883	702	718
25 to 29 years	1,035	1,067	1,025	951	867	848	787	684	671	603	524
30 to 34 years	511	451	496	420	329	330	334	256	265	236	239
35 years and over	520	489	569	476	371	365	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
FEMALE											
Total, 14 to 34 years	4,848	4,654	4,355	3,901	3,502	3,459	3,236	3,013	2,987	2,677	2,560
14 to 17 years	162	176	164	165	174	153	154	130	122	147	143
18 and 19 years	1,517	1,546	1,517	1,335	1,224	1,314	1,281	1,248	1,204	1,144	1,088
20 and 21 years	1,151	1,189	1,058	986	944	946	906	774	833	733	749
22 to 24 years	763	773	668	584	528	464	423	452	411	328	280
25 to 29 years	774	619	590	531	411	381	280	255	247	187	183
30 to 34 years	481	352	357	300	222	200	192	154	171	138	117
35 years and over	809	700	614	548	416	418	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)

Table 5. UNDERGRADUATE ENROLLMENT IN ALL COLLEGES AND TWO-YEAR COLLEGES FOR THE POPULATION 14 TO 34 YEARS OLD BY AGE, SEX, AND FULL-TIME STATUS: OCTOBER 1970 TO OCTOBER 1977

(In thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population)

Age, sex, full-time status, and type of college	1977	1976	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
ALL COLLEGES								
Total Undergraduate								
Total, 14 to 34 years	8,408	8,270	8,108	7,338	6,794	6,992	6,895	6,274
14 to 19 years	3,184	3,216	3,237	2,906	2,812	2,974	3,008	2,854
20 and 21 years	2,376	2,358	2,255	2,131	2,031	2,065	1,936	1,803
22 to 24 years	1,206	1,224	1,072	1,028	924	944	1,019	866
25 to 34 years	1,640	1,472	1,546	1,272	1,028	1,011	931	750
Male, 14 to 34 years	4,372	4,301	4,393	4,030	3,791	3,982	4,017	3,627
Full time	3,304	3,291	3,394	3,128	3,035	3,231	3,240	3,045
Part time	1,068	1,010	999	902	756	751	777	582
Female, 14 to 34 years	4,027	3,969	3,715	3,307	3,004	3,010	2,878	2,646
Full time	3,002	3,090	2,902	2,561	2,423	2,445	2,348	2,164
Part time	1,025	879	813	746	581	565	530	482
Full-time Undergraduate								
Total, 14 to 34 years	6,304	6,381	6,296	5,689	5,460	5,678	5,588	5,208
14 to 19 years	2,855	2,963	2,987	2,661	2,629	2,797	2,801	2,685
20 and 21 years	2,075	2,033	1,958	1,842	1,801	1,845	1,729	1,628
22 to 24 years	775	821	696	697	630	624	700	591
25 to 34 years	598	563	655	488	398	412	357	301
TWO-YEAR COLLEGES								
Total Undergraduates								
Total, 14 to 34 years	2,510	2,435	2,561	2,072	1,797	1,910	1,830	1,692
14 to 19 years	933	907	1,024	834	816	883	928	895
20 and 21 years	455	444	431	369	278	334	307	281
22 to 24 years	380	367	354	305	254	267	263	234
25 to 34 years	741	718	752	565	449	426	331	283
Male, 14 to 34 years	1,253	1,272	1,412	1,172	1,012	1,125	1,087	1,001
Full time	681	734	850	709	629	770	726	726
Part time	572	538	562	463	383	355	361	275
Female, 14 to 34 years	1,256	1,163	1,148	899	785	785	743	691
Full time	691	696	717	528	471	484	473	452
Part time	565	467	431	371	314	301	270	239
Full-time Undergraduates								
Total, 14 to 34 years	1,372	1,430	1,567	1,237	1,100	1,255	1,199	1,177
14 to 19 years	718	764	865	702	702	772	797	786
20 and 21 years	283	261	274	233	165	223	209	197
22 to 24 years	162	177	155	151	121	134	124	114
25 to 34 years	208	228	274	152	111	126	70	80

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1977

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Population	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school					
		Total		Below college level[1]		In college		Total		High school graduate		Not high school graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
ALL RACES													
Total, 3 to 34 years...	114,305	60,011	52.5	49,796	43.6	10,217	8.9	54,292	47.5	39,384	34.5	14,908	13.0
3 and 4 years...	6,041	1,935	32.0	1,935	32.0	-	-	4,106	68.0	-	-	4,106	68.0
5 and 6 years...	6,718	6,433	95.8	6,433	95.8	-	-	285	4.2	-	-	285	4.2
7 to 9 years...	10,339	10,285	99.5	10,285	99.5	-	-	54	0.5	-	-	54	0.5
10 to 13 years...	14,857	14,767	99.4	14,767	99.4	-	-	90	0.6	-	-	90	0.6
14 and 15 years...	8,255	8,130	98.5	8,120	98.4	10	0.1	125	1.5	8	0.1	117	1.4
16 and 17 years...	8,327	7,399	88.9	7,133	85.7	264	3.2	928	11.1	209	2.5	718	8.6
18 and 19 years...	8,151	3,762	46.2	849	10.4	2,913	35.7	4,389	53.8	3,034	37.2	1,355	16.6
20 and 21 years...	7,990	2,540	31.8	109	1.4	2,430	30.4	5,450	68.2	4,198	52.5	1,252	15.7
22 to 24 years...	11,190	1,850	16.5	51	0.5	1,799	16.1	9,340	83.5	7,634	68.2	1,706	15.2
25 to 29 years...	17,269	1,869	10.8	60	0.3	1,809	10.5	15,400	89.2	12,935	74.9	2,465	14.3
30 to 34 years...	15,169	1,043	6.9	50	0.3	992	6.5	14,126	93.1	11,366	74.9	2,760	18.2
Male, 3 to 34 years...	56,727	30,822	54.3	25,453	44.9	5,369	9.5	25,905	45.7	18,620	32.8	7,285	12.8
3 and 4 years...	3,086	990	32.1	990	32.1	-	-	2,096	67.9	-	-	2,096	67.9
5 and 6 years...	3,429	3,246	94.7	3,246	94.7	-	-	183	5.3	-	-	183	5.3
7 to 9 years...	5,271	5,244	99.5	5,244	99.5	-	-	27	0.5	-	-	27	0.5
10 to 13 years...	7,566	7,507	99.2	7,507	99.2	-	-	59	0.8	-	-	59	0.8
14 and 15 years...	4,201	4,144	98.7	4,143	98.6	2	-	57	1.3	-	-	56	1.3
16 and 17 years...	4,213	3,790	90.0	3,680	87.4	110	2.6	423	10.0	74	1.8	349	8.3
18 and 19 years...	3,961	1,919	48.4	522	13.2	1,396	35.2	2,042	51.6	1,341	33.9	702	17.7
20 and 21 years...	3,862	1,337	34.6	58	1.5	1,280	33.1	2,525	65.4	1,872	48.5	652	16.9
22 to 24 years...	5,395	1,064	19.7	28	0.5	1,036	19.2	4,331	80.3	3,515	65.1	816	15.1
25 to 29 years...	8,377	1,057	12.6	23	0.3	1,035	12.4	7,320	87.4	6,256	74.7	1,064	12.7
30 to 34 years...	7,366	523	7.1	12	0.2	511	6.9	6,843	92.9	5,562	75.5	1,281	17.4
Female, 3 to 34 years....	57,578	29,191	50.7	24,344	42.3	4,848	8.4	28,387	49.3	20,764	36.1	7,623	13.2
3 and 4 years...	2,954	945	32.0	945	32.0	-	-	2,009	68.0	-	-	2,009	68.0
5 and 6 years...	3,289	3,187	96.9	3,187	96.9	-	-	102	3.1	-	-	102	3.1
7 to 9 years...	5,068	5,041	99.5	5,041	99.5	-	-	27	0.5	-	-	27	0.5
10 to 13 years...	7,291	7,260	99.6	7,260	99.6	-	-	31	0.4	-	-	31	0.4
14 and 15 years...	4,054	3,985	98.3	3,978	98.1	8	0.2	69	1.7	8	0.2	61	1.5
16 and 17 years...	4,114	3,609	87.7	3,455	84.0	154	3.7	505	12.3	136	3.3	369	9.0
18 and 19 years...	4,190	1,844	44.0	327	7.8	1,517	36.2	2,346	56.0	1,693	40.4	654	15.6
20 and 21 years...	4,128	1,202	29.1	52	1.2	1,151	27.9	2,926	70.9	2,326	56.3	600	14.5
22 to 24 years...	5,795	786	13.6	23	0.4	763	13.2	5,009	86.4	4,119	71.1	889	15.3
25 to 29 years...	8,892	812	9.1	38	0.4	774	8.7	8,080	90.9	6,679	75.1	1,401	15.8
30 to 34 years...	7,803	520	6.7	39	0.5	481	6.2	7,283	93.3	5,804	74.4	1,479	19.0
WHITE													
Total, 3 to 34 years...	97,180	50,131	51.6	41,319	42.5	8,812	9.1	47,029	48.4	34,933	35.9	12,096	12.4
3 and 4 years...	4,932	1,541	31.1	1,541	31.1	-	-	3,410	68.9	-	-	3,410	68.9
5 and 6 years...	5,528	5,282	95.6	5,282	95.6	-	-	246	4.4	-	-	246	4.4
7 to 9 years...	8,613	8,571	99.5	8,571	99.5	-	-	42	0.5	-	-	42	0.5
10 to 13 years...	12,194	12,125	99.4	12,125	99.4	-	-	68	0.6	-	-	68	0.6
14 and 15 years...	6,941	6,839	98.5	6,833	98.4	6	0.1	102	1.5	8	0.1	94	1.4
16 and 17 years...	7,032	6,222	88.5	6,001	85.3	221	3.1	810	11.5	188	2.7	622	8.8
18 and 19 years...	6,944	3,159	45.5	580	8.4	2,579	37.1	3,785	54.5	2,681	38.6	1,103	15.9
20 and 21 years...	6,837	2,172	31.8	73	1.1	2,099	30.7	4,665	68.2	3,674	53.7	991	14.5
22 to 24 years...	9,649	1,571	16.3	40	0.4	1,531	15.9	8,078	83.7	6,727	69.7	1,351	14.0
25 to 29 years...	15,000	1,595	10.6	45	0.3	1,550	10.3	13,405	89.4	11,450	76.3	1,955	13.0
30 to 34 years...	13,291	872	6.6	45	0.3	827	6.2	12,419	93.4	10,206	76.8	2,214	16.7
Male, 3 to 34 years...	48,567	25,891	53.3	21,174	43.6	4,717	9.7	22,676	46.7	16,702	34.4	5,974	12.3
3 and 4 years...	2,536	804	31.7	804	31.7	-	-	1,732	68.3	-	-	1,732	68.3
5 and 6 years...	2,829	2,668	94.3	2,668	94.3	-	-	161	5.7	-	-	161	5.7
7 to 9 years...	4,404	4,385	99.6	4,385	99.6	-	-	19	0.4	-	-	19	0.4
10 to 13 years...	6,329	6,286	99.3	6,286	99.3	-	-	44	0.7	-	-	44	0.7
14 and 15 years...	3,541	3,493	98.7	3,492	98.6	2	-	48	1.3	-	-	48	1.3
16 and 17 years...	3,569	3,194	89.5	3,105	87.0	89	2.5	375	10.5	68	1.9	307	8.6
18 and 19 years...	3,396	1,620	47.7	348	10.2	1,272	37.5	1,776	52.3	1,199	35.3	577	17.0
20 and 21 years...	3,334	1,156	34.7	32	0.9	1,124	33.7	2,178	65.3	1,660	49.8	519	15.6
22 to 24 years...	4,715	914	19.4	24	0.5	890	18.9	3,801	80.6	3,118	66.1	683	14.5
25 to 29 years...	7,379	926	12.6	19	0.3	907	12.3	6,453	87.4	5,626	76.2	827	11.2
30 to 34 years...	6,534	444	6.8	12	0.2	433	6.6	6,090	93.2	5,033	77.0	1,057	16.2
Female, 3 to 34 years....	48,613	24,259	49.9	20,164	41.5	4,095	8.4	24,354	50.1	18,231	37.5	6,122	12.6
3 and 4 years...	2,415	737	30.5	737	30.5	-	-	1,679	69.5	-	-	1,679	69.5
5 and 6 years...	2,699	2,614	96.9	2,614	96.9	-	-	85	3.1	-	-	85	3.1
7 to 9 years...	4,208	4,186	99.5	4,186	99.5	-	-	22	0.5	-	-	22	0.5
10 to 13 years...	6,064	6,040	99.6	6,040	99.6	-	-	24	0.4	-	-	24	0.4
14 and 15 years...	3,400	3,346	98.4	3,342	98.3	4	0.1	54	1.6	8	0.2	47	1.4
16 and 17 years...	3,463	3,028	87.4	2,897	83.6	131	3.8	435	12.6	120	3.5	315	9.1
18 and 19 years...	3,548	1,540	43.4	233	6.6	1,307	36.8	2,008	56.6	1,483	41.8	526	14.8
20 and 21 years...	3,503	1,016	29.0	42	1.2	975	27.8	2,487	71.0	2,014	57.5	472	13.5
22 to 24 years...	4,934	657	13.3	16	0.3	641	13.0	4,277	86.7	3,609	73.1	668	13.5
25 to 29 years...	7,621	668	8.8	26	0.3	643	8.4	6,953	91.2	5,824	76.4	1,128	14.8
30 to 34 years...	6,757	428	6.3	34	0.5	394	5.8	6,329	93.7	5,171	76.6	1,156	17.1

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6. ENROLLMENT STATUS OF THE POPULATION 3 TO 34 YEARS OLD, BY AGE, SEX, RACE, SPANISH ORIGIN, AND SELECTED EDUCATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS: OCTOBER 1977—Continued

(Numbers in thousands. Civilian noninstitutional population. For meaning of symbols, see text)

Age, sex, race, and Spanish origin	Population	Enrolled in school						Not enrolled in school					
		Total		Below college level[1]		In college		Total		High school graduate		Not high school graduate	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
BLACK													
Total, 3 to 34 years	14,831	8,564	57.7	7,461	50.3	1,103	7.4	6,267	42.3	3,725	25.1	2,542	17.1
3 and 4 years	933	328	35.2	328	35.2	-	-	606	64.8	-	-	606	64.8
5 and 6 years	1,034	997	96.5	997	96.5	-	-	37	3.5	-	-	37	3.5
7 to 9 years	1,516	1,505	99.3	1,505	99.3	-	-	11	0.7	-	-	11	0.7
10 to 13 years	2,183	2,162	99.0	2,162	99.0	-	-	21	1.0	-	-	21	1.0
14 and 15 years	1,162	1,148	98.8	1,148	98.8	-	-	16	1.2	-	-	16	1.2
16 and 17 years	1,163	1,056	90.8	1,019	87.6	37	3.2	107	9.2	18	1.6	89	7.6
18 and 19 years	1,072	517	48.3	248	23.2	269	25.1	554	51.7	319	29.8	235	21.9
20 and 21 years	1,004	296	29.5	34	3.4	262	26.1	708	70.5	462	46.1	246	24.5
22 to 24 years	1,311	200	15.2	9	0.7	190	14.5	1,111	84.8	784	59.8	327	25.0
25 to 29 years	1,910	216	11.3	6	0.3	210	11.0	1,694	88.7	1,232	64.5	462	24.2
30 to 34 years	1,565	139	9.0	4	0.2	136	8.8	1,405	91.0	910	58.9	496	32.1
Male, 3 to 34 years	7,062	4,258	60.3	3,768	53.4	490	6.9	2,804	39.7	1,600	22.7	1,204	17.0
3 and 4 years	476	154	32.4	154	32.4	-	-	322	67.6	-	-	322	67.6
5 and 6 years	516	495	96.0	495	96.0	-	-	21	4.0	-	-	21	4.0
7 to 9 years	761	754	99.1	754	99.1	-	-	7	0.9	-	-	7	0.9
10 to 13 years	1,095	1,080	98.6	1,080	98.6	-	-	15	1.4	-	-	15	1.4
14 and 15 years	585	579	99.0	579	99.0	-	-	6	1.0	-	-	6	1.0
16 and 17 years	575	532	92.5	515	89.4	18	3.1	43	7.5	3	0.6	40	6.9
18 and 19 years	496	251	50.5	161	32.4	90	18.1	245	49.5	127	25.6	118	23.8
20 and 21 years	450	140	31.0	25	5.4	115	25.6	310	69.0	187	41.5	124	27.5
22 to 24 years	582	108	18.5	4	0.7	106	17.8	474	81.5	347	59.6	127	21.8
25 to 29 years	852	103	12.1	1	0.2	101	11.9	749	87.9	530	62.1	220	25.8
30 to 34 years	674	62	9.2	-	-	62	9.2	613	90.8	406	60.3	206	30.6
Female, 3 to 34 years	7,769	4,306	55.4	3,693	47.5	614	7.9	3,463	44.6	2,125	27.3	1,338	17.2
3 and 4 years	457	174	38.1	174	38.1	-	-	283	61.9	-	-	283	61.9
5 and 6 years	518	502	97.0	502	97.0	-	-	16	3.0	-	-	16	3.0
7 to 9 years	755	751	99.4	751	99.4	-	-	4	0.6	-	-	4	0.6
10 to 13 years	1,088	1,082	99.4	1,082	99.4	-	-	6	0.6	-	-	6	0.6
14 and 15 years	577	569	98.5	569	98.5	-	-	8	1.5	-	-	8	1.5
16 and 17 years	587	523	89.1	505	85.9	19	3.2	64	10.9	15	2.5	49	8.4
18 and 19 years	576	267	46.3	87	15.2	179	31.1	309	53.7	192	33.4	117	20.3
20 and 21 years	554	156	28.2	9	1.7	147	26.5	398	71.8	275	49.7	122	22.0
22 to 24 years	729	92	12.6	5	0.7	87	11.9	637	87.4	437	59.9	200	27.5
25 to 29 years	1,057	113	10.7	5	0.4	108	10.2	944	89.3	702	66.4	242	22.9
30 to 34 years	870	77	8.9	4	0.4	74	8.5	793	91.1	503	57.8	290	33.3
SPANISH ORIGIN[2]													
Total, 3 to 34 years	6,917	3,516	50.8	3,098	44.8	418	6.0	3,402	49.2	1,500	21.7	1,902	27.5
3 and 4 years	455	89	19.5	89	19.5	-	-	366	80.5	-	-	366	80.5
5 and 6 years	476	446	93.7	446	93.7	-	-	30	6.3	-	-	30	6.3
7 to 9 years	675	668	99.0	668	99.0	-	-	7	1.0	-	-	7	1.0
10 to 13 years	879	873	99.3	873	99.3	-	-	6	0.7	-	-	6	0.7
14 and 15 years	497	485	97.6	485	97.6	-	-	12	2.4	-	-	12	2.4
16 and 17 years	515	430	83.6	416	80.8	14	2.8	85	16.4	6	1.2	79	15.3
18 and 19 years	515	209	40.6	86	16.6	123	24.0	306	59.4	138	26.7	168	32.7
20 and 21 years	466	108	23.1	13	2.7	95	20.4	358	76.9	188	40.3	171	36.6
22 to 24 years	628	68	10.8	9	1.4	59	9.4	560	89.2	277	44.1	283	45.1
25 to 29 years	962	89	9.3	8	0.8	81	8.4	873	90.7	494	51.3	379	39.4
30 to 34 years	850	51	6.0	6	0.7	45	5.3	799	94.0	398	46.8	402	47.3
Male, 3 to 34 years	3,383	1,835	54.2	1,611	47.6	224	6.6	1,549	45.8	680	20.1	869	25.7
3 and 4 years	227	53	23.2	53	23.2	-	-	174	76.8	-	-	174	76.8
5 and 6 years	246	225	91.4	225	91.4	-	-	21	8.6	-	-	21	8.6
7 to 9 years	355	355	100.0	355	100.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 to 13 years	420	415	98.7	415	98.7	-	-	5	1.3	-	-	5	1.3
14 and 15 years	269	267	99.1	267	99.1	-	-	2	0.9	-	-	2	0.9
16 and 17 years	264	230	89.4	230	87.2	6	2.3	28	10.6	2	0.6	26	9.9
18 and 19 years	238	102	43.1	49	20.6	54	22.5	135	56.9	55	23.2	80	33.7
20 and 21 years	224	51	22.8	6	2.7	45	20.1	173	77.2	82	36.8	90	40.3
22 to 24 years	292	47	16.0	7	2.4	40	13.6	246	84.0	120	41.2	125	42.8
25 to 29 years	434	59	13.1	3	0.7	56	12.4	395	86.9	232	51.1	163	35.8
30 to 34 years	395	25	6.4	2	0.6	23	5.8	370	93.6	188	47.5	182	46.1
Female, 3 to 34 years	3,534	1,681	47.6	1,487	42.1	194	5.5	1,853	52.4	820	23.2	1,033	29.2
3 and 4 years	229	36	15.8	36	15.8	-	-	192	84.2	-	-	192	84.2
5 and 6 years	230	221	96.3	221	96.3	-	-	9	3.7	-	-	9	3.7
7 to 9 years	320	313	97.9	313	97.9	-	-	7	2.1	-	-	7	2.1
10 to 13 years	459	459	99.9	459	99.9	-	-	-	0.1	-	-	-	0.1
14 and 15 years	228	219	95.9	219	95.9	-	-	9	4.1	-	-	9	4.1
16 and 17 years	251	194	77.4	186	74.1	8	3.3	57	22.6	4	1.7	52	20.9
18 and 19 years	277	106	38.3	37	13.2	70	25.2	170	61.5	82	29.7	88	31.8
20 and 21 years	242	57	23.4	7	2.7	50	20.6	186	76.6	105	43.5	80	33.2
22 to 24 years	336	21	6.2	2	0.5	19	5.7	315	93.8	157	46.6	158	47.1
25 to 29 years	508	30	5.9	3	0.8	23	4.9	478	94.1	262	51.6	216	42.6
30 to 34 years	455	25	5.6	4	0.8	22	4.7	410	94.4	210	46.2	220	48.3

[1] Includes nursery school, kindergarten, and grades 1 to 12.

[2] Persons of Spanish origin may be of any race.

Appendix

SOURCE AND RELIABILITY OF THE ESTIMATES

Source of Data. The estimates of school enrollment in 1977 are based on data obtained in October of 1977 in the Current Population Survey (CPS) conducted by the Bureau of the Census. The CPS sample was initially selected from the 1970 census file and is updated continuously to reflect new construction where possible. The current sample is spread over 614 areas with coverage in each of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. In the sample, approximately 56,000 occupied households are eligible for interview each month. Of this number, 2,500 occupied units, on the average, are visited but interviews are not obtained because the occupants are not found at home after repeated calls or are unavailable for some other reason. In addition to the 56,000, there are also about 9,500 sample units in an average month which are visited but are found to be vacant or otherwise not to be interviewed. For a description of CPS sample designs prior to 1977, see the detailed report for 1976 in this series.

The estimating procedure used in this survey involved the inflation of the weighted sample results to independent estimates of the total civilian noninstitutional population of the United States by age, race, and sex. These independent estimates are based on statistics from decennial censuses; statistics on births, deaths, immigration and emigration; and statistics on the strength of the Armed Forces.

Reliability of the Estimates. Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they may differ somewhat from the figures that would have been obtained if a complete census had been taken using the same questionnaires, instructions and enumerators. There are two types of errors possible in an estimate based on a sample survey - sampling and nonsampling. For estimates in this report indications of the magnitude of sampling error are provided but the extent of nonsampling error is unknown. Consequently, particular care should be exercised in the interpretation of figures based on a relatively small number of cases or on small differences between estimates.

Sampling variability. The standard errors presented in table A-1 are primarily measures of sampling variability, that is, of the variations that occur by chance because a sample rather than the whole of the population was surveyed. As calculated, the standard error also partially measures the effect of certain response and enumeration errors, but it does not measure any systematic biases in the data. The chances are about 68 out of 100 that an estimate from the survey differs from a complete census figure by less than the standard error. The chances are about 90 out of 100 that this difference would be less than 1.6 times the standard error and about 95 out of 100 that the difference would be less than twice the standard error.

All statements of comparison in the text are significant at a 1.6 standard error level or better and most are significant at a level of more than 2.0 standard errors. This means that, for most differences cited in the text, the estimated difference is greater than twice the standard error of the difference. Statements of comparison qualified in some way (e.g., by the use of the phrase, "some evidence") have a level of significance between 1.6 and 2.0 standard errors.

Note when using small estimates. Percent distributions are shown in this report only when the base of the percentage is greater than 75,000. Because of the large standard errors involved, there is little chance that percentages would reveal useful information when computed on a smaller base. Estimated number of persons are shown, however, even though the relative standard errors of these numbers are larger than those for the corresponding percentages. These smaller estimates are provided primarily to permit such combinations of the categories as serve each user's needs.

Standard errors for data based on CPS. Since this is an advance report, standard errors are provided in table A-1 for estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages for only certain characteristics which are considered the most important among the data in the report.

More detailed standard error tables for each characteristic of interest for estimated numbers of persons or families and estimated percentages are provided in the detailed report for 1976 in this series. A more complete source and reliability statement for the 1977 data will be published with the forthcoming 1977 detailed report.

Standard errors of estimated numbers and estimated percentages. Standard errors of estimated numbers and

estimated percentages can be computed directly with formulas (1) and (2) below, respectively. The formulas are:

$$\sigma_x = \sqrt{ax^2 + bx} \qquad (1)$$

Here x is the size of the estimate and a and b are the parameters associated with the characteristic.

$$\sigma_{(x,p)} = \sqrt{\frac{b}{x} \cdot p \cdot (100-p)} \qquad (2)$$

Here x is the size of the subclass of the population which is the base of the percentage, p is the percentage ($0 \leq p \leq 100$), and b is the parameter associated with the characteristic.

Table A-2 provides the values of the a and b parameters that are used in formulas (1) and (2) to create standard errors of estimated numbers of persons and estimated percentages.

Table A-1. Standard Errors of Estimated Numbers and Estimated Percentages of Persons 3 to 34 Years Old Enrolled in School for the Total, White, and Black Populations: October 1977

(68 chances out of 100. Numbers in thousands)

Enrollment and age	Estimated numbers of persons			Standard errors of estimated numbers of persons		
	Total	White	Black	Total	White	Black
Total enrolled	60,013	50,151	8,564	257	252	101
Nursery school	1,618	1,314	250	50	45	21
Private	1,056	942	78	41	39	12
Kindergarten	3,191	2,611	496	65	61	29
Private	526	458	50	30	28	9
Elementary school	29,234	24,262	4,387	216	202	93
Private	3,251	2,950	221	81	77	25
High school	15,753	13,152	2,327	169	156	74
Private	1,248	1,172	59	51	49	13
College	10,217	8,812	1,103	139	130	53
Private	2,292	2,069	187	68	65	23
Full time	7,196	6,165	803	118	110	46
AGE	Estimated percentages			Standard errors of estimated percentage		
3 and 4 years	32.0	31.1	35.2	0.8	0.9	2.1
5 and 6 years	95.8	95.6	96.5	0.4	0.4	1.0
7 to 9 years	99.5	99.5	99.3	0.1	0.1	0.4
10 to 13 years	99.4	99.4	99.0	0.1	0.1	0.4
14 and 15 years	98.5	98.5	98.8	0.2	0.2	0.5
16 and 17 years	88.9	88.5	90.8	0.5	0.5	1.4
18 and 19 years	46.2	45.5	48.3	0.8	0.9	2.6
20 and 21 years	31.8	31.8	29.5	0.7	0.8	2.4
22 to 24 years	16.5	16.3	15.2	0.5	0.5	1.7
25 to 29 years	10.8	10.6	11.3	0.3	0.4	1.2
30 to 34 years	6.9	6.6	9.0	0.3	0.3	1.2

Table A-2. Parameters to be Used for Each School Enrollment Characteristic for Direct Computation of Standard Errors

Enrollment and race	Parameters	
	a	b
SCHOOL ENROLLMENT		
Total or White	-0.000016	2064.3452
Black or other races	-0.000186	2791.7805
Kindergarten and nursery school enrollment	-0.000126	1738.0412

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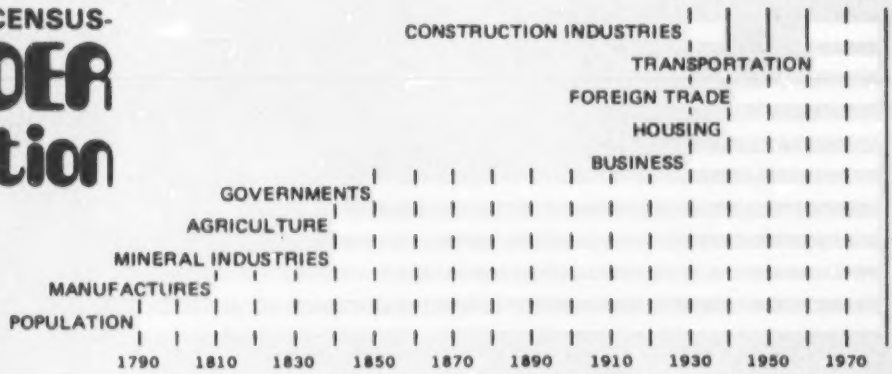

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